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NEW SCHOOL DEPARTMENT IS NOW READY

The manual training department of the Charlotte schools will be formally opened Thursday of the coming week at 11 o'clock and at that time the entire board of school directors will be at the College street school to look over the quarters and equipment of this new department of the local educational system.

Superintendent Harding has notified the board that this formal opening will be held at 11 o'clock and has invited each one to be present to see for themselves the equipment provided for the training of the hands of the boys of the school along with the training of their minds.

Major S. P. Tomlinson, a member of the board, has been active for many years in his efforts to establish this department and members of the board and others who know what he has done along this line are congratulating him as well as the children who will have access to this training department, upon the fact that the department is now actually in operation.

Prof. C. E. Lacey, brought to Charlotte for the specific purpose of training the Young America in this department, is an expert in his line and he will be present to superintend the demonstration of the various machines, tools and the like.

The Equipment.

The department is equipped with a number of power machines including a planer, a band saw, a rip-saw, five turntable lathes, including sixteen in-hand work benches. These benches

are equipped with two vices, one at the front and the other at the end and in a drawer is a number of tools with which to properly perform their work.

The lathes are set against the east wall of the main work room, the belt- ing is all on the inside, protecting the boys at their work, and the tools are in racks against the wall.

The rip-saw and the band-saw are also equipped with especially arranged guards for the protection of the young fellows as they go about their work.

On of the things taught the lads when they first come into the school is care in the handling of the machines, at the same time there is a chance that the new boy may not thoroughly understand the fact that a saw running at a high rate of speed is inclined to take a thumb off, or to take a nip of a finger, and for this reason the special guard is placed about these machines.

This department affords the boys of the high school the same opportunity for actual training that the girls get in the domestic science department where cooking and sewing is taught. Patrons of the city schools, who may be especially interested in the department of manual training will be welcome at the formal opening, and in fact Major Tomlinson urges all who can leave their businesses at 11 o'clock Thursday to attend.

Ministerial Association Monday

The Ministerial Association will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 7 at 11 o. m., in the Y. M. C. A. building, Rev. A. A. McGeachy, D. D. will address the meeting. His subject will be, "Humanitarian Measures before the next North Carolina Legislature." All ministers in the city and county are considered members without the formality of invitation or election.

COUNTY OFFICERS ON SALARY SYSTEM FROM THIS ON

With the going into office Monday of three new county commissioners will also go into effect a new system of pay for county officers, namely, a salary system instead of the fee system, which has been in effect heretofore. The new rule, which became a law by a vote of the people of the county, affects the clerk of the court, the register of deeds and the sheriff. The county treasurer has been paid a salary instead of being paid on the fee system since 1900.

The new system provides that the clerk of the court, the register of deeds and the sheriff shall each receive a salary of \$2,750 per year. The treasurer has been receiving that amount as a yearly salary since 1900. In addition to the salary of \$2,750 the clerk of the court is provided with \$1,500 as a yearly salary for a deputy clerk and \$1,500 per year for any additional clerical help he may need. The sheriff and the register of deeds likewise are provided with an appropriation yearly of \$2,250 to be expended for clerical or deputy help to insure that the offices are conducted in an efficient manner.

No appropriation is provided to pay an assistant to the county treasurer. He, however, is assisted by the county auditor, who is a comparatively new officer for the county and who is paid a salary. This officer also serves as clerk of the board of county commissioners, the register of deeds having served in this capacity formerly. The combined salary of the three

offices, clerk of the court, sheriff and register of deeds, together with the appropriation for help, will aggregate \$15,750. The cost of registration of several class of papers with the register of deeds is now 20 cents, chattel mortgage 15 cents, deed of conveyance of real property 75 cents, deed of trust is 90 cents, building and loan mortgage 90 cents. There are other "irregular" papers, such as the recording of papers from other counties, and therefore not on the regulation forms in effect in this county that are recorded for different prices, none of them exceeding \$1.25.

It was much debated during the campaign preceding the election as to salary fee system for county officers as to whether any good would result from the law.

The fees for registering papers in Mecklenburg county are considerably lower than those of any other county. This is explained by the fact that there was a special law on this subject passed in 1907 for Mecklenburg county by the county's representatives in the legislature. This was in answer, it is said, to considerable agitation at that time for a change to the salary system.

THE NATIONAL DEFENSE LEAGUE BECOMING ACTIVE

The National Defense League is to become more active in its efforts looking to putting the nation upon an up-to-date and effective war footing and Mayor Charles A. Bland has been invited to become a director in the league. Today he is in receipt of the following letter but states that he has not answered the invitation and can not now tell whether he will be able to accept the appointment. If he can not he will appoint a representative man for the position of director. The letter follows:

"Enclosed is booklet of the National Defense League, which we would be very glad to have you read.

"In view of the European situation the question of national defense for the United States is one of the most important problems now before the people of our country. This matter is now, after a great deal of agitation by the National Defense League, one of the great issues which will be taken up by congress at the next session.

"Under our constitution and by-laws you, as mayor, are entitled to name for your city one director of the National Defense League.

"We would prefer that you yourself act as director, but if this is not agreeable please select some one of your friends who would serve as a director for your city, confer with him, explain the league and induce him to serve. "We are securing as many prominent men on the directorate as possible, so as to have a center of influence for national defense in many sections of the country.

"If you will serve as director for your city, and we hope you will, please let us know so we can announce the appointment and add you to our list of officers, friends, and supporters. If not please help this patriotic movement by securing some other prominent gentleman in your city who will serve.

"Sincerely yours,
"NATIONAL DEFENSE LEAGUE,
"Winfield Jones, Secretary."

Robinson Heads Mecklenburg Lodge Knights of Pythias

Mr. C. F. Robinson was elected chancellor commander of Mecklenburg Lodge Knights of Pythias last night at the regular semi-annual election of officers. At the same time other officers were elected as follows: Vice chancellor, W. B. Bradford. Prelate, F. A. Owens. Master of work, G. P. Clonninger. Keeper of records and seal, F. R. Cates. Master of finance, George P. Hamilton. Master of exchequer, J. J. Ezell. Master at arms, W. M. Lyles. Inner guard, Z. V. Linker. Outer guard, James P. Kelly. Trustees, H. T. Rollins, George P. Hamilton and W. B. Bradford.

NEWSPAPERS ARE THANKED FOR THEIR WORK

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Associated Charities held last Tuesday night, at which time the campaign for funds with which to keep the association up to its high state of efficiency was discussed, Rev. W. Hooper Adams, pastor of Westminster church was directed to write the newspapers of the city a letter of thanks for their assistance during this campaign, and in compliance with these instructions Mr. Adams has written the following letter to the editor of The Charlotte News: Editor The Charlotte News:

Dear Sir: The directors of the Associated Charities of this city at their meeting last Tuesday voted unanimously and heartily to render thanks to "The Charlotte News" and "The Charlotte Observer" for their signally effective support in the recent campaign for maintaining and strengthening the cause of discriminating charity. By editorials, by a superb report of the mass meeting in the Second Presbyterian church, and by information given to the public during the progress of the campaign, your assistance was invaluable and to

you in no small measure do the worthy poor of Charlotte owe a debt of gratitude.

Through the medium of your valued columns would we furthermore ask that our appreciation be expressed to the magnanimous public of Charlotte for their endorsement of the methods of our society by contributing at a

time of financial uncertainty, the princely amount of \$7,500 for the relief of suffering fellow-citizens. Verily, no one of these givers shall lose his reward.

Very truly yours,
W. HOOPER ADAMS,
Acting Chairman.
December 3, 1914.

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